

**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection,
Classified by Weight, weekending: Mar 10, 2001**

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to fairly good, best where media promotions were in progress. Offerings were more than sufficient for trade needs. Wings were in good balance. Breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat items were clearing satisfactorily. Weights were in a full range but mostly desirable.

	FOOD SERVICE/ <u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	---
Total (000)	24,201	23,561	39,776	87,538
Percentage	28%	27%	45%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weight</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	4,578	5.23
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,836	7.81
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	6,512	7.44
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	6,275	7.17
		24,201	27.65

BROILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 15 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Jan 27	178,227	99	143,997	99	177,541	99	143,209	100	156,803	105
Feb 03	179,061	100	144,850	100	180,292	100	144,850	100	149,857	96
Feb 10	181,267	102	143,234	98	180,421	100	144,081	102	152,518	102
Feb 17	179,182	101	141,284	99	176,286	98	138,706	96	150,590	99
Feb 24	183,200	100	142,680	101	179,813	99	142,848	99	147,690	98
Mar 03	184,700	100	143,973	102	179,486	100	143,870	99	147,804	100
Mar 10	183,814	99	146,195	103	176,109	97	142,278	98	152,138	103
Mar 17	183,848	100	149,104	101	178,831	98	143,929	99	152,987	101

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 03/26/01

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York Grade A Ice-packed	51.69	52.96	49.23
Chicago Grade A Ice-packed	53.11	53.45	45.67
Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed	65.42	65.70	61.07
12-City Composite Weighted Avg.	58.20	58.43	54.75
Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg.	60.65	60.79	56.20
Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	50.86	48.81	41.02

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	<u>Northeast (Delivered) 03/23/01</u>	<u>Southern States (FOB) 03/23/01</u>	<u>Georgia (FOB) 03/26/01</u>
Breast - B/S	137.23	145.20	143.50
Tenderloins	136.37	151.98	---
Breast - Line Run	68.56	75.23	73.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	23.33	21.50	24.50
Wings	99.14	95.80	97.50